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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BEALE ET AL.

Examiner

KHAI TRAN

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2002.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-10 and 25-33 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 11-24, 34 and 35 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/07/02.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The preliminary amendment filed 1/07/02 has been entered. Claims 1-35 are pending in this Office action.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed 8/20/03 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1), which requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. The Form PTO 1449 is missing.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains the last paragraph, which should be deleted (i.e., "To be accompanied by Figure 1 when published"). Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. Claims 4, 11-23, 24, 34-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 4, line "said highest data frequency" lacks antecedent Basis.

Regarding 11, line 2, the term "may be" is a type of indefinite terminology. It is impossible to determine if the limitation is required in the claim or if it is not.

Regarding claim 24, line 2, the term "may be" is a type of indefinite terminology. It is impossible to determine if the limitation is required in the claim or if it is not.

Regarding claim 34, line 2, the term "may be" is a type of indefinite terminology. It is impossible to determine if the limitation is required in the claim or if it is not.

Claims 12-23, 35 are rejected by virtue of their dependency.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 25-27, 28, 29-33 are allowed.
6. Claims 11, 24, 34 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
7. Claims 4, 12-23, 35 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: none of the prior art of the record discloses a network adapter capable of receiving data from a network, the adapter arranged to receive the data at at least a lowest and a highest data rate; the adapter comprising: the training means is initially arranged to train the equalizer to receive the data at the lowest data rate allowing data to be decoded and if upon decoding the adapter determines that the equalizer has been trained at a incorrect rate to retrain the equalizer to equalize data at a correct rate.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sendyk et al (U.S. Pat. 5,268,930) disclose a decision feedback equalizer.

Backstrom et al (U.S. Pat. 5,297,169) disclose equalizer training in a radiotelephone system.

Ishizu et al (U.S. Pat. 5,475,710) disclose adaptive equalizer and receiver.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3019. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JAY PATEL can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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